

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
AUGUST 1, 2012**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: E. Bud Whalon, Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of May 14, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 18, 2012.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 18, 2012 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of July 18, 2012 – Executive Session (II).

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #005A-13	Payroll	\$	61,474.81
Warrant #005B-13	Vendor bills	\$	64,508.17



Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

The Board has nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence

The Board received correspondence thanking those who attended the successful Fourth of July Candlelight Walk and Reading of the Declaration of Independence followed by a collation and the release of luminaries in recognition of the Dighton's Tri Centennial Year.

The Board has been advised that Council on Aging has conducted interviews and selected Caitlin Lavin of Fall River for the vacant position of Activity Instructor. Ms. Lavin is due to start her position as soon as possible pending her CORI results.

The Board received a copy of correspondence from the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission concerning the impact a casino would have on the Town's public safety departments and the Town's overall infrastructure and would welcome an opportunity to provide further input.

The Board received a copy of correspondence from the Norton Board of Selectmen requesting a meeting in order to address several issues which all appear to fall within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Dighton Tri Centennial Ball and Special Events Committee have scheduled the Ball to be held on Saturday, September 29th at the Segreganset Country Club from 7 to 11 PM. For more information or to submit a donation please contact Myrna Santo at (508) 669-6944 or by email at dightonballcommittee@aol.com

Announcements were read.

Report of the Personnel Officer
NONE

Review/Discuss/Act: Award Bid for Fire Alarm System Upgrade for Town Hall

After funding approval at the Annual Town Meeting on June 12, 2012, three quotes were received for the Fire Alarm System Upgrade for Town Hall. Said proposals were reviewed and approval was received from the Fire Chief. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to award the Fire Alarm System Upgrade for Town Hall in the amount of \$12,221.00 to National Security Fire Alarm Systems of East Providence, RI.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Discuss New Police Station Funding

The Board advised townspeople that funding for the proposed new police station building was approved in the amount of \$2.5 million for a 20-year debt exclusion at annual town meeting held on June 12, 2012. Any changes in the amount of the way the station will be funded would have to go before voters again at a Town Meeting. Further, the ballot

question for the August 9th election asks voters if the town shall be “exempt from the provisions of proposition tow and one half” and does not authorize a Proposition 2 ½ override. Should the ballot pass, it is estimated that the average taxpayer would spend \$15.00 per quarter.

Review/Discuss/Act: Kyle Medeiros, Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Kyle Medeiros appeared before the Board presenting his Eagle Scout Project consisting of the restoration and installation of a memorial at the North Fire Station located on Chace Street. Project includes the installation of new flags, fixing a fence, cleanup of trees, re-mulching, installing a new sign and possibly obtaining metal remnants from 9/11. Said project is estimated to take 3 months to 1 year. It was noted that the Fire Chief reviewed and approved said project and that currently Mr. Medeiros is an active Junior Firefighter member. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: E. Bud Whalon VOTED to approve the Kyle Medeiros’ Eagle Scout project consisting of the restoration and installation of a memorial at the North Fire Station located on Chace Street.

Voted: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Land is Grand Solar Farm

David W. Mackley, Chief Operating Officer of Green Seal Environmental appeared before the Board with a presentation in leasing land or rooftop for a solar farm that could produce 1.5 to 6 megawatts of power. In particular, Mr. Mackley would like to explore opportunities at the Transfer Station located on Tremont Street. The Board advised that a meeting be arranged with the Planning Department and Attorney Lisa Meade.

Review/Discuss/Act: Reserve Fund Transfer Request for 290 Main Street Demolition

The Board received and read a request from the Building Inspector, James Aguiar, Jr., requesting a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$18,525.00. Said request is made as the total appropriation for the demolition of structures totaled \$25,000.00, however, the cost to demolish 290 Main Street is \$37,440.00 due to asbestos found in the building. It was noted that approval from the Finance Committee is required. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to approve the reserve fund transfer request in the amount of \$18,525.00 to the Board of Health/Demolition of Structures for the demolition of Red & White, 290 Main Street.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Nancy Goulart appeared before the Board announcing the observance of the 22nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26th. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA into law that was based on the fundamental principle that Americans with disabilities should have the same basic rights and opportunities as everyone else.

Nancy Goulart announced that research for the Tri Centennial book is underway and anyone interested in contributing may reach her through the Selectmen's office. No release date has been set yet.

Executive Session (MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a))

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to enter into executive session at 8:35PM under the provisions of MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(1&3) to discuss complaint investigation and employee job description review.

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin VOTED to return to open session at 8:45 PM.

Vote:	E. Bud Whalon	AYE
	Dean V. Cronin	AYE
	Thomas J. Pires	AYE

Motion: Thomas Pires, seconded: Dean V. Cronin to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

